Freedom of the Borough

PURPOSE

1. To ask the Council to consider admitting James Anderson as a Freeman of the Borough.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That an Extraordinary meeting of the Council be convened, on a date to be agreed by the Mayor, to admit James Anderson as a Freeman of the Borough in recognition of his outstanding services to cricket, to enhancing the reputation of the Borough and providing an excellent sporting role model for the young people of the Borough.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. To recognise the outstanding the achievements of James Anderson by awarding the highest honour that the Borough can grant

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. A nomination has been received under the Council’s scheme for the award of Honours. It is for James Anderson, the Burnley born England cricketer and star of the recent Ashes Tour, to be admitted as a Freeman of the Borough.

5. The nomination states that::
   “James was born and educated in Burnley. He played for Burnley Cricket Club and quickly moved onto playing for Lancashire and then for England. He has now represented his country in over 50 test matches and more than 100 One Day internationals. His latest and greatest achievements were in the 2010/11 Ashes where he made a magnificent contribution to the England team’s success and, in doing so, giving the whole nation a boost.

6. Admitting someone as a Freeman is the highest Honour that the council can give. It does not confer any rights as it is a purely honorary title. The Member Structures Working Group
has considered the nomination as required by the Council’s Constitution, and unanimously agreed to recommend that the council agrees to admit James Anderson as a Freeman.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION**

7. The costs will be met from within existing resources

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

8. The award would be in line with the Council’s Policy on the award of honours

**DETAILS OF CONSULTATION**

9. Member Structures Working Group

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10. Nomination Form

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

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ALSO: